



# Latchmere Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, an Ofsted inspection was carried out on 5th and 6th November 2019. The full report has been emailed out to you.

We hope you are pleased with this report. As governors, we are very encouraged by the outcome and the very many positive things that it mentions regarding school life. Our ambitions for the school remain very high and we are committed to delivering an outstanding level of education for all our pupils.

The national inspection framework changed significantly in September 2019 and is now more demanding with a broader curriculum to support pupils to develop in a wide range of subject areas. It is therefore to the credit of the school leaders, staff, governors, parents and most importantly the pupils, that the report recognises the significant progress made since the last inspection.

The inspection team were keen to stress to us that they were very impressed by the level of improvements made across every area in a relatively short time period. They also praised Mrs Steels for her leadership and the support of the wider trust in driving the level of change required to take the school out of the Inadequate category.

As you read through the report you will find many things worthy of note. We were particularly encouraged to read that:

- Pupils are proud of their school and how far it has come. They love the greater range of opportunities it now affords them
- They know that staff are working tirelessly to improve the school for them. Pupils appreciate this and work hard to meet leaders' high expectations
- Staff help pupils to develop their character traits, such as resilience, perseverance and responsibility
- Senior leaders have worked with the multi-academy trust to develop an ambitious curriculum... and Senior leaders have worked hard to develop staff's subject knowledge, particularly in writing and mathematics. Teachers are increasingly confident and skilled at designing and teaching series of lessons in these subjects

The governors will continue to work closely with Mrs Steels and her staff to drive further improvements, taking on board Ofsted's areas for improvement. You will not be surprised to know that the leadership team have already started to implement the next stage of our progress plans.

Finally, I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Steels, and all the staff for the great efforts that they have made in improving progress at the school in so many ways. This report is testimony to all that they continue to do. Most importantly I would like to thank you as parents and your children for all that you give to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Madeleine Maguire  
Chair of LAB